

2019 ANIMAL ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

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LOCAL AND NATIONAL RESOURCES AND HOW TO MAKE YOUR PROGRAM STRONGER

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RESOURCES AND HOW TO MAKE YOUR PROGRAM STRONGER

Point of View

Education, enforcement, awareness

First victim of domestic violence may be the animals in the household

Victimization prevention may begin with competent animal cruelty investigation

OUR ROLE

Take charge!!!

Take it seriously and take on the role!!!!

Review relevant animal cruelty and agricultural laws and definitions in your jurisdiction

Identify resources on this connection in your community (humane agents, animal control officers, veterinary professionals, social service agencies)

Require therapeutic evaluations and interventions

Be receptive to outreach from animal protection professionals/Prevention Program

Create or support cruelty taskforce

WORK TOGETHER

Collaborative effort!

Get your prosecutor involved

Mesa example

Task forces

Resources

ALDF

- Necropsy fund
 - Motion bank
 - Assistance with drafting motions
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- Midwestern Vet School
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- University of Arizona

Resources - ALDF

ALDF will pay for costs of prosecution including necropsies, other lab work and in some circumstances expert witnesses- for cases that have been charged or for which there is a suspect with probable cause and intent to charge. ALDF may provide funding for necropsies and other lab work (up to \$5,000). Prosecuting or investigating agency should contact Lora Dunn to confirm requirements. ALDF will need documentation of the charges for its records, that will help ensure swift payment.

ALDF attorneys (many former prosecutors) will also assist with legal research on the case.

[Lora Dunn](#)

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Resources – U of A

University of Arizona Veterinary Diagnostics Lab- <http://azvdl.arizona.edu/necropsy>

[2831 N Freeway, Tucson, AZ 85705](#)

[Phone: \(520\) 621-2356](#)

Resources - Midwestern

Diagnostic Pathology Center (DPC), housed on Midwestern University's Glendale campus, is part of the Department of Pathology and Population Medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine - <https://www.mwuanimalhealth.com/diagnostic-pathology-center>

Midwestern University Diagnostic Pathology Center

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Resources

Join the National Link Coalition and sign up for their free newsletter

www.nationallinkcoalition.org

Juvenile & Family Justice, TODAY, A Publication of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Spring 2010 <https://awionline.org/sites/default/files/uploads/legacy-uploads/documents/DV-NCJFCJArticleSpring2010-040611-1302122112-document-38932.pdf>

Understanding The Link between Violence to Animals and People; A Guidebook for Criminal Justice Professionals, Allie Phillips, J.D. <http://ndaa.org/pdf/The%20Link%20Monograph-2014.pdf>

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Resources

Sojourner Center and Lost Our Home Pet Foundation

Family Promise Greater Phoenix

Gabriel's Angels

Searchable national database of resources for family violence victims with pets National Animal Welfare Institute's Safe Havens Mapping Project:

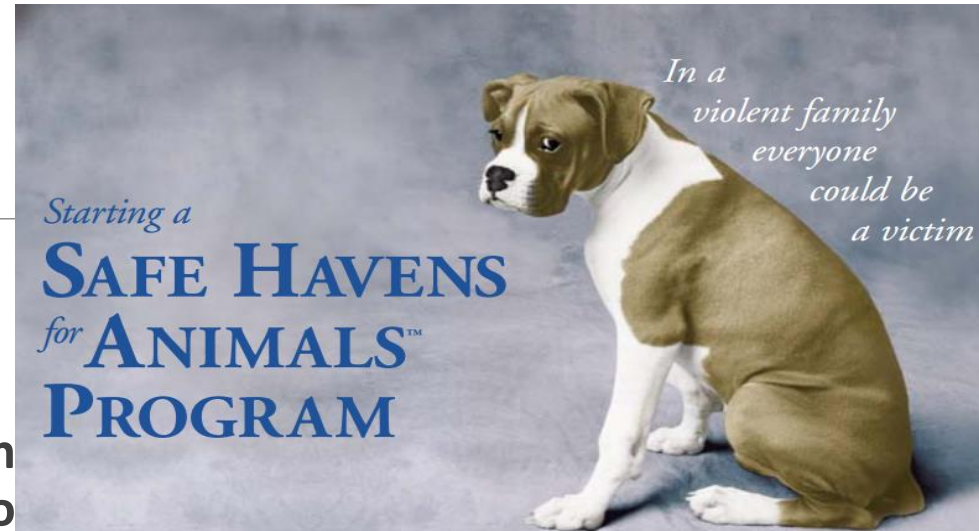
<http://www.awionline.org/safe-havens>

Intervention

Women's shelters teaming up with humane societies to offer assistance to pets of domestic violence victims

Enables battered families to leave earlier

Some DV shelters building animal kennels within the shelters themselves



Intervention

Human services screening for animal abuse during intakes/client assessments

Children found abusing animals increasingly offered therapeutic opportunities

Vets receiving increased training on signs of animal cruelty

Prosecutors increasingly understanding the importance of animal cruelty cases



Public Policy

Felony-level penalties for animal cruelty in all states

Work on legislation that requires:

- cross-reporting
- vets to report suspected abuse and offer immunity from liability
- psychological counseling for those convicted of animal cruelty
- training on animal cruelty and domestic/child abuse
- pets included in protection orders (judges should be educated about why this is important)

FBI - systematic tracking of animal abuse

Pet protection laws

- As of 2017 - 32 states, D.C. Puerto Rico have legislation that include provisions for pets in DV protection orders
- Typically, allows a petitioner to take possession of companion animals in the home and/or prevent the respondent from harming or removing companion animals.



Source:
Animallaw.info

Mandatory reporting laws

- **Several states have created laws to require animal abuse, neglect, and cruelty be reported by veterinarians, health care providers, and other social service providers**
- **The majority of states have laws that either mandate or allow reporting of suspected animal cruelty by veterinary professionals OR have standalone laws that provide immunity for reporting of suspected cruelty**
- **Increasingly, legislatures are recognizing the import of cross-reporting and protecting reporters**



Legislation

Class 5

Children and animals in hot cars

Animal abuse registry

- Suffolk County, Cook County, Tennessee

Connecticut and victim advocates for animal victims

Costa Rica

Public Awareness



Have tools in your toolshed

Ensure that resources are provided for the **ENTIRE** family,
IF the victim(s) **WANT** to leave.

- Local shelters
- Local humane societies
- Local rescues



National resources



Awareness/Education

<https://showyoursoftside.org/>

Campaign

- Male role models
- The addition of females

Any connections???

Calendar with Police Softies



We finally found the one player
that Datone Jones can't contain.



Only a punk
would hurt
a cat or dog.



Datone Jones, #95, Defensive End, Green Bay
with his newest fan, Leia, from Rescue Dogs Rock NYC

Photography by Leo Howard Lubow



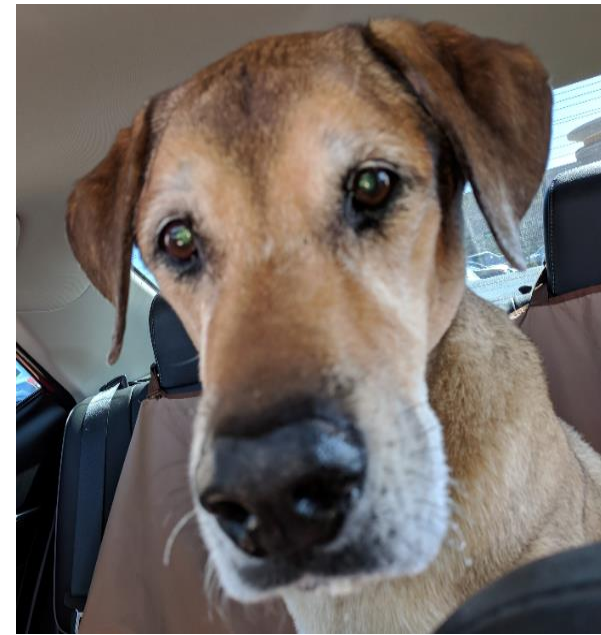
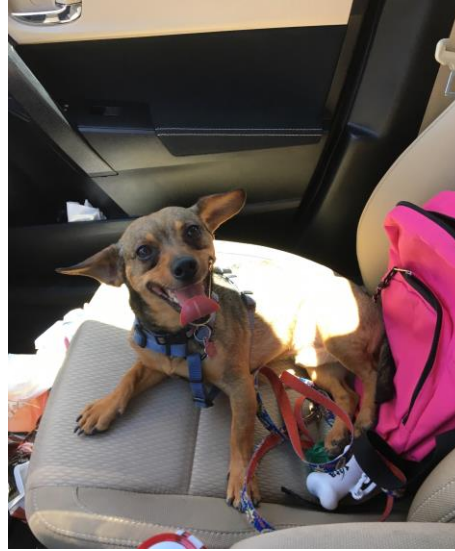
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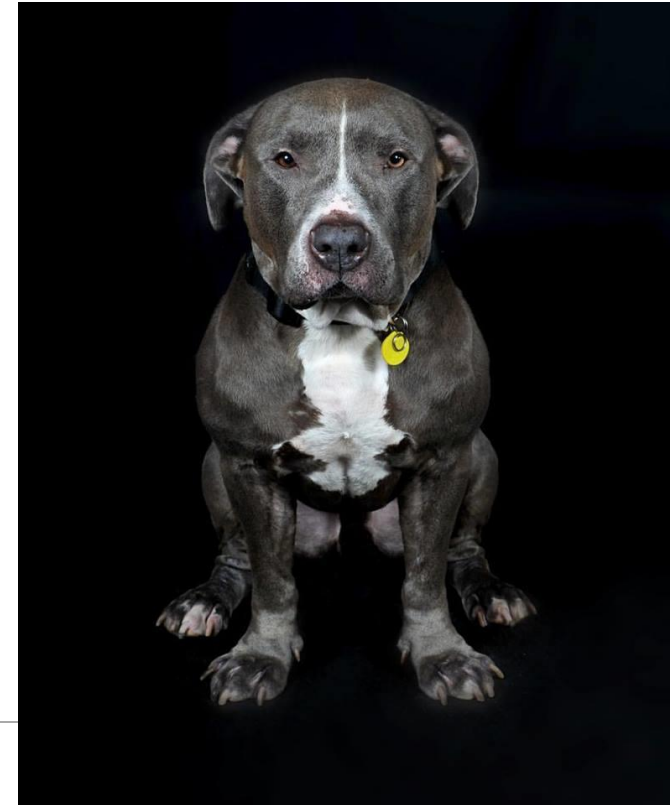
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Helpful Links

<http://nationallinkcoalition.org/>

<https://www.sheriffs.org/programs/national-law-enforcement-center-animal-abuse>

<http://ncovaa.org/>

<http://www.veterinaryforensics.com/>

<http://www.vetinvestigator.com/>

<https://aldf.org/>

<https://www.azhumane.org/>

As a law enforcement officer, you rarely get the opportunity to be proactive in preventing offenses.

Here is your chance!

Remember

Important to recognize animal cruelty case in and of itself

The animal cruelty case can be a key to a different case

DV/Child Abuse/Child Neglect Cases

Necropsy

Freezer v. Fridge

Rape kit

Get vet involved!!!

